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### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A hair treatment applicator for applying a hair treatment to hair, the applicator comprising:

a handle having a longitudinal axis; and

a plurality of retaining structures connected to said handle, wherein each of said plurality of retaining structures is separated from each other of said plurality of retaining structures by a separation volume, wherein each of said plurality of retaining structures is substantially parallel to each other of said plurality of retaining structures and is substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said handle, and wherein said plurality of retaining structures hold the hair treatment such that said hair treatment does not enter said separation volume.

2. (Currently Amended) A hair treatment applicator for applying a hair treatment to hair, the applicator comprising:

a handle having a longitudinal axis;

a plurality of heads being connected to said handle; and

a retaining structure being connected to each of said plurality of heads, wherein each head of said plurality of heads is separated from each other head of said plurality of heads by a separation volume, wherein said retaining structure is substantially parallel to each other retaining structure and is substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said handle, and wherein said retaining structure holds the hair treatment such that said hair treatment does not enter said separation volume.

3. (Currently Amended) A hair treatment applicator for applying a hair treatment to hair, the applicator comprising:

a handle having a longitudinal axis;

a first head being connected to said handle, said first head having a plurality of first tines disposed in a substantially square pattern on said first head and forming a first retaining volume;

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a second head being connected to said handle, said second head having a plurality of second tines disposed in a substantially square pattern on said second head and forming a second retaining volume, wherein said plurality of first ~~tines~~ tines and said plurality of second tines are substantially parallel to each other and are substantially perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said handle; and

a separation volume, wherein said first retaining volume and said second retaining volume are separated by said separation volume, and wherein said first and second retaining volumes hold the hair treatment such that said hair treatment does not enter said separation volume.